

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL (EMERGENCY FUNCTION 8)
SITUATION REPORT**

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OPERATIONAL PERIOD: FEBRUARY 3 to FEBRUARY 7, 2014

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (EMSA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

California continues to see high levels of influenza activity with outpatient influenza-like illness (ILI) and pneumonia and influenza (P&I) hospitalization above expected levels. The Medical and Health Coordination Center (MHCC, formerly the Joint Emergency Operations Center) was activated at level 1 on January 10, 2014, in response to the increase in ILI and medical surge occurring throughout California. The California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) is working with the Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialists to obtain the status of health care facilities and agencies in California to assess the capabilities of the Operational Areas to meet medical needs. For Week 5, the MHCC has received local situation reports from all 58 operational areas.

Situation reports received during week 5 demonstrate that although influenza activity remains high throughout California, conditions have remained stable over the last week. CDPH and EMSA will continue to monitor influenza activity throughout California and respond to requests for assistance through their respective Duty Officer Programs. The Medical and Health Coordination Center will be deactivated by 5 pm on Friday, February 7, 2014. Operational areas will no longer be requested to submit weekly Situation Reports and this will be the final Public Health and Medical (Emergency Function 8) Situation Report for this incident unless conditions change.

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CDPH/DHCS/EMSA CURRENT OPERATIONS

Biosurveillance Group

CDPH Division of Communicable Disease Control performs ongoing surveillance on influenza virus and resulting illness. During week 5 (January 26-February 1):

- Outpatient influenza-like illness (ILI) during Week 5 (4.6%) exceeded expected levels for this time of year. Statewide, the percentage of outpatient visits for ILI slightly decreased in Week 5 compared to Week 4 (5.0%).

- Hospitalizations for pneumonia and influenza (P&I) during Week 5 (7.6%) exceeded expected levels for this time of year. Statewide, the percentage of hospitalizations for P&I was similar in Week 5 compared to Week 4 (7.6%).
- Of 4,438 specimens tested during Week 5,
 - 1,211 (27.3%) were positive for influenza virus; of these
 - 184 (4.1%) were influenza B and
 - 1,027 (23.1%) were influenza A
 - 33 (3.2%) were subtyped as seasonal A (H3)
 - 509 (49.6%) were subtyped as 2009 A (H1)
 - 486 (47.3%) were not subtyped.
- Fifty-six laboratory-confirmed influenza deaths were reported during Week 5.
- Four laboratory-confirmed influenza outbreaks were reported during Week 5.
- No cases of novel influenza have been detected in California to date.

Surge Management Branch Health Care Facilities Group

CDPH Licensing and Certification reports requests from health care facilities for regulatory flex to expand authorized patient treatment areas.

- 2 Licensed facilities have approved flexes :
 - 1 General Acute Care Hospital (GACH) continues to use a surge tent.
 - 1 GACH continues to operate under “overflow” conditions.

Countermeasures and Mitigation Branch

CDPH Emergency Pharmaceutical Services Unit (EPSU)

There were temporary shortages of Tamiflu reported (influenza antiviral drug) but manufacturers and distributors indicate this has been resolved.

- Pharmacies can call 1-800-551-2231 to request a direct drop shipment of Tamiflu from Genentech to meet emergency conditions.
- IV zanamivir aqueous solution is potentially available as an investigational antiviral product. For further information:
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/antivirals/intravenous-antivirals.htm>
- CDPH has received several reports of shortages of normal saline for injection. The following link from the FDA provides information on the availability of Sodium Chloride 0.9% Injection Bags and duration of reported shortages.
<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/ucm314743.htm> EPSU urges health care facilities to work closely with their suppliers' Customer Service Desk to avoid shortages.

OA MEDICAL AND HEALTH SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Table 1. Influenza Deaths by County

County	Week 5 Deaths	Season Deaths	County	Week 5 Deaths	Season Deaths
Alameda	1	5	Sacramento	6	21
Contra Costa	0	5	San Bernardino	2	15
El Dorado	1	2	San Diego	10	17
Fresno	9	15	San Francisco	1	3
Glenn	0	1	San Joaquin	2	6
Humboldt	0	1	San Luis Obispo	1	1
Imperial	0	1	San Mateo	0	4
Kern	2	8	Santa Barbara	1	2
Kings	0	3	Santa Clara	2	10
Lake	1	1	Santa Cruz	0	1
Lassen	0	1	Shasta	0	1
Long Beach	0	3	Siskiyou	0	2
Los Angeles	9	26	Solano	0	1
Madera	0	2	Sonoma	0	4
Marin	0	2	Stanislaus	2	12
Mendocino	1	2	Tulare	0	1
Merced	0	4	Tuolumne	1	1
Monterey	0	2	Ventura	0	1
Nevada	0	1			
Orange	3	8	CALIFORNIA	56	202
Riverside	1	6			



Influenza, January 2014

Operational Period: 2/3/14 to 2/7/14



Operational Area Status

- Normal/Resolved
- Under Control/No Assistance
- Modified Services/OA Assistance
- Limited Services/Assistance Required
- Impaired Services/Major Assistance
- Unknown/No Report



Feb 7, 2014
1300 hours
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Table 2. OA Medical and Health System Overview

Operational Area	Proclamation/ Declaration	Activation	System Condition	Prognosis
Mutual Aid Region I				
Los Angeles	Not Identified	Other	Green	No Change
Orange	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
San Luis Obispo	Not Identified	Other	Green	No Change
Santa Barbara	Not Identified	EMS/LHD DOC	Green	No Change
Ventura	Not Identified	EMS/LHD DOC	Green	Improving
Mutual Aid Region II				
Alameda	Not Identified	Demobilizing DOC	Green	No Change
Contra Costa	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Del Norte	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Humboldt	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Improving
Lake	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Marin	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Improving
Mendocino	Not Identified	EMS/LHD DOC	Yellow	No Change
Monterey	Not Identified	Other	Green	No Change
Napa	Not Identified	Other	Yellow	Improving
San Benito	Not Identified	Not Identified	Yellow	Improving
San Francisco	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
San Mateo	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Improving
Santa Clara	Not Identified	Not Identified	Yellow	Improving
Santa Cruz	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Improving
Solano	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Sonoma	Health Advisory: Guidance to clinicians	Other	Green	Improving
Mutual Aid Region III				
Butte	Other	Other	Yellow	No Change
Colusa	None	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Glenn	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Lassen	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Modoc	Other	Other	Green	No Change
Plumas	Not Identified	EMS/LHD DOC	Yellow	No Change
Shasta	Not Identified	Other	Green	No Change
Sierra	Not Identified	EMS/LHD DOC	Yellow	No Change
Siskiyou	Not Identified	Not Identified	Yellow	No Change
Sutter	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Tehama	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Trinity	Health advisory for healthcare personnel.	EMS/LHD DOC	Yellow	No Change
Yuba	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change

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Operational Area	Proclamation/ Declaration	Activation	System Condition	Prognosis
Mutual Aid Region IV				
Alpine	Not Identified	Other	Green	No Change
Amador	Unknown	Not Identified	Yellow	No Change
Calaveras	Not Identified	Other	Green	No Change
El Dorado	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Not Identified
Nevada	None	None	Green	No Change
Placer	Not identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Sacramento	Not Identified	Not Identified	Yellow	No Change
San Joaquin	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Stanislaus	None	Not Identified	Yellow	Not Identified
Tuolumne	Other	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Yolo	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Mutual Aid Region V				
Fresno	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Improving
Kern	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Improving
Kings	Not Identified	Not Identified	Yellow	Improving
Madera	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Improving
Mariposa	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Improving
Merced	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Improving
Tulare	Not Identified	Not Identified	Yellow	Improving
Mutual Aid Region VI				
Imperial	Not Identified	Not Identified	Yellow	No Change
Inyo	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	Worsening
Mono	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
Riverside	Not Identified	Not Identified	Green	No Change
San Bernardino	Not Identified	Not Identified	Yellow	No Change
San Diego	None	Other	Green	No Change

Table 3. Current Impacts/Actions – Operational Areas		
State/Region	Categories	Situation Status
Mutual Aid Region I		
Los Angeles	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza activity remains at a high level, however over the past few weeks various indicators show activity may be plateauing. Visits to participating emergency departments for influenza-like illness leveled out as well as reports of percent positive flu tests from sentinel labs.
	Priorities	Initiate weekly Facility Assessment Poll. Establish and maintain communications. Identify, acquire, and allocate medical health resources. Ensure the support of medical health resources. Gather, organize, and disseminate critical medical health information. Continue to conduct local surveillance.
Orange	Summary of OA Situation Report	Outpatient visits for Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) remain elevated at 4%. Five new severe influenza cases in persons under 65 years of age were reported this week
	Priorities	None.
San Luis Obispo	Summary of OA Situation Report	Hospitals report fluctuation in numbers of patients and continue to conduct flu screenings. Number of overall flu tests being conducted has slowed in the last week.
	Priorities	Surveillance and reporting. Vaccinating the public as requested by appointment.
Santa Barbara	Summary of OA Situation Report	Sentinel providers are reporting little or no activity. ILI is normal compared to previous years. There have been no upper respiratory illness clusters reported in skilled nursing facilities.
	Priorities	Monitor emergency department visits and 911 activity.
Ventura	Summary of OA Situation Report	Hospitals are experiencing no dramatic increases in emergency department census, nor are they seeing a sharp increase in ILI patients. The County Health Officer is also reporting no dramatic increase in ILI patients.
	Priorities	Identify acute changes in the medical and healthcare community. Report significant events and/or changes in impacted communities to the Regional Disaster Medical and Health Coordination Program/MHCC as required.
Mutual Aid Region II		
Alameda	Summary of OA Situation Report	Public and media inquiries regarding influenza continue, but less than previous weeks. Hospitals use of diversion has returned to normal compared to years past.
	Priorities	Continuing to track and update flu-related information. Demobilization of DOC, partial activation on 2/5/14 due to a decrease in ILI activity.
Contra Costa	Summary of OA Situation Report	Flu-related emergency department traffic has decreased and there are no planned activations of their Command Centers. No reports of ventilator shortages. Contra Costa EMS continues to monitor hospital status.
	Priorities	Nothing to report.
Del Norte	Summary of OA Situation Report	Nothing to report.
	Priorities	Nothing to report.
Humboldt	Summary of OA Situation Report	Emergency room visits for ILI patients have decreased. Adequate supplies of Tamiflu and flu vaccine are available.
	Priorities	Maintain contact with hospitals on an ongoing basis.

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Lake	Summary of OA Situation Report	Hospitals are functioning normally, which means operating at or near capacity, and do not have staffing shortages.
	Priorities	Continue influenza surveillance, monitor status of healthcare facilities, vaccinations and promote guidelines for diagnosis and treatment.
Marin	Summary of OA Situation Report	Seeing normal activity for influenza for this time of year. Vaccine and Tamiflu appear readily available to patients and clinicians.
	Priorities	Public Health will continue active surveillance and monitoring.
Mendocino	Summary of OA Situation Report	Continue to see increased number of ILI cases daily. Admissions to ICU/Unit beds remain high in all three hospitals. Significant impacts are being felt by clinics and hospitals in treating/managing outpatient visits by ILI symptom patients. Continue to rely on out of county transfers of the sickest patients.
	Priorities	Maintain adequate med surg and ICU beds. Ensure acquisition of required and appropriate RX. Develop and distribute treatment guidelines. Ensure appropriate public preventive measures and information. Ensure distribution of flu vaccine. Support clinical providers. Open and establish a dialogue with State and regional partners.
Monterey	Summary of OA Situation Report	Widespread influenza activity within county. Currently no DOCs or EOCs have been activated.
	Priorities	Nothing to report.
Napa	Summary of OA Situation Report	Low to moderate impact to the local health and medical system.
	Priorities	Continue to monitor the situation for any impacts to the local health and medical system.
San Benito	Summary of OA Situation Report	No new hospitalizations with intensive care to report this week.
	Priorities	Disease control measures implemented within the community, health care providers and institutions.
San Francisco	Summary of OA Situation Report	Regional data shows downward trend in the number of positive cases. There are no vaccine shortages or treatment shortages at this time. Local hospitals are reporting that influenza is not overwhelming their capacity. Diversion rates have not increased.
	Priorities	Continue influenza surveillance, continue to promote vaccination.
San Mateo	Summary of OA Situation Report	Decreasing number of positive influenza tests over the last two weeks. Still reporting “widespread” flu activity. County hospitals’ census for the past week returned to typical flu season levels.
	Priorities	Sending out daily updates to media regarding ILI deaths and ICU hospitalizations. Follow CDC recommendations regarding antiviral treatment.

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Santa Clara	Summary of OA Situation Report	Hospitals are reporting emergency department volumes returning to baseline for this time of the year and an ILI percentage range from 2%-24%.
	Priorities	Ensure the effective and efficient operation of the Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services System. Monitor and assess for threats. Maintain situational awareness. Provide public information and education. Provide technical and professional information stakeholders.
Santa Cruz	Summary of OA Situation Report	Normal operations.
	Priorities	Nothing to report.
Solano	Summary of OA Situation Report	Six ICU admissions due to Influenza A (H1N1).
	Priorities	Not reported.
Sonoma	Summary of OA Situation Report	No healthcare facility command center, DOC or EOC activations or declarations. No surge activities. No staffing shortages reported. No reports of shortages of supplies.
	Priorities	Continue to share situational awareness. Monitor situation. Support clinical partners. Support congregate living facilities. Promote vaccination.
Mutual Aid Region III		
Butte	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza and other respiratory diseases are still circulating at high levels throughout the county. A local hospital has asked if additional ventilators are possibly available through the CDPH cache.
	Priorities	Continue influenza surveillance, using health alerts. Provide resources to area providers. Promote vaccination.
Colusa	Summary of OA Situation Report	No current situation
	Priorities	None.
Glenn	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza activity within county is within the seasonal norm. No significant events to report.
	Priorities	None.
Lassen	Summary of OA Situation Report	Lassen county remains unaffected. Current influenza activity is consisted with what is generally experienced.
	Priorities	Continue monitoring local situation. Provide adequate and timely information to the region and state. Maintain open communication with healthcare providers. Provide public information on prevention measures.
Modoc	Summary of OA Situation Report	Flu cases in county are normal at this time. Currently at normal day-to-day operations. Increased surveillance due to bordering counties reporting flu deaths, but have not seen a rise in flu cases locally.
	Priorities	None.
Plumas	Summary of OA Situation Report	One case reported
	Priorities	Possible press release.

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State/Region	Categories	Situation Status
Shasta	Summary of OA Situation Report	No new ICU admissions in week 5.
	Priorities	Monitoring healthcare facilities. Processing hospital influenza specimens. Providing flu shots, promoting vaccination through public information efforts and filling requests for flu vaccine.
Sierra	Summary of OA Situation Report	No reported outbreaks, but there is still evidence of flu activity. No reported shortages of flu vaccine or antivirals. Clinics are busy with ILI but not turning away patients.
	Priorities	Continue to monitor ILI activity. Promote vaccination and prevention practices.
Siskiyou	Summary of OA Situation Report	Hospital emergency departments continue to be impacted by patients presenting with ILI and secondary pneumonia. Admissions to ICU continue to be transferred out of county for higher levels of care.
	Priorities	Monitor emergency department visits and school absenteeism. Monitor county residents that have been transferred out of county for higher levels of care. Monitor ongoing respiratory outbreak of ILI at long term care facility.
Sutter	Summary of OA Situation Report	No shortages of medication or other resources
	Priorities	Nothing to report.
Tehama	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza activity is normal for this time of year. Healthcare facilities are not yet experiencing anything unusual in regards to the flu.
	Priorities	Check-in weekly with partners to identify anything out of the ordinary related to influenza.
Trinity	Summary of OA Situation Report	Public Health DOC open during business hours. One additional case of influenza.
	Priorities	None.
Yuba	Summary of OA Situation Report	Maintain surveillance for influenza. No reports of notifiable influenza cases at this time; no resource requests or situation reports at this time
	Priorities	Work with response partners. Conduct surveillance for influenza. Monitor CalREDIE and Public Health Website. Pass on current clinical guidance to healthcare providers.
Mutual Aid Region IV		
Alpine	Summary of OA Situation Report	Currently no reported ICU admission due to flu.
	Priorities	None.
Amador	Summary of OA Situation Report	One confirmed ICU case. Acute care hospital has five ventilators available and zero staffed beds available. Correctional facility reports 41 cases with flu-like symptoms.
	Priorities	Continue to monitor.

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State/Region	Categories	Situation Status
Calaveras	Summary of OA Situation Report	Situation normal. No influenza cases admitted to local general acute care hospital since 1/29/2014. No excessive patient influx at local outpatient clinics.
	Priorities	None.
El Dorado	Summary of OA Situation Report	Since December, seven ICU cases confirmed H1N1.
	Priorities	Monitor at this time.
Nevada	Summary of OA Situation Report	All systems in healthcare are green.
	Priorities	Not identified.
Placer	Summary of OA Situation Report	No reports received from the healthcare community with regards to impact of ILI on routine healthcare operations. Hospital emergency departments continue to report high census since 1/1/14, but no data are available to adequately assess reasons.
	Priorities	Nothing to report
Sacramento	Summary of OA Situation Report	Some hospitals are reporting that the situation is improving with no severe shortage of beds in the ICU or acute care units. Acute patients continue to be seen in the emergency department with a decrease in number of admissions with influenza diagnosis. One hospital system reports that emergency departments are still very busy and ICUs remain busy with many critically ill ventilated patients. Drug and vaccine supplies are reported as adequate. One hospital reports two new ICU cases reported since last situational report. Another hospital reports one influenza patient has been in the ICU for approximately one month.
	Priorities	Not reported.
San Joaquin	Summary of OA Situation Report	Hospital emergency departments' visits remain high. Emergency department diversion hours are running slightly below average.
	Priorities	Maintain situational awareness.
Stanislaus	Summary of OA Situation Report	Hospitals are still experiencing ILI activity and ongoing patient surge issues. Emergency departments are still maintaining a high census and can handle ambulance traffic.
	Priorities	MHOAC will continue to monitor the situation. Encourage hospitals to continue to communicate with each other. Encourage hospitals to maintain communications with operational area stakeholders.
Tuolumne	Summary of OA Situation Report	No medication access problems.
	Priorities	None.
Yolo	Summary of OA Situation Report	Consistent increase in emergency room census and of 911 requests associated with flu-like symptoms across county. Tamiflu (adult) availability has improved.
	Priorities	Monitor current conditions, watch for any change in admissions, and mass vaccinate citizens of county. Release a press release on the flu clinic

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Mutual Aid Region V		
Fresno	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza considered “widespread”. No DOC/EOC activations. No proclamations.
	Priorities	MHOACs continue on-going communication with local health department including: monitor local emergency room traffic via, monitor local bed-availability; support local anti-viral supplies; continue public awareness campaign.
Kern	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza considered “widespread”. No DOC/EOC activations. No proclamations.
	Priorities	MHOACs continue on-going communication with local health department including: monitor local emergency room traffic and local bed-availability; support local anti-viral supplies; continue public awareness campaign.
Kings	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza considered “widespread”. No DOC/EOC activations. No proclamations.
	Priorities	MHOAC continues on-going communication with local health department including: monitor local emergency room traffic via, monitor local bed-availability; support local anti-viral supplies; continue public awareness campaign.
Madera	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza considered “widespread”. No DOC/EOC activations. No proclamations.
	Priorities	MHOAC continues on-going communication with local health department including: monitor local emergency room traffic via, monitor local bed-availability; support local anti-viral supplies; continue public awareness campaign.
Mariposa	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza considered “local.” No DOC/EOC Activations. No proclamations.
	Priorities	MHOAC continues on-going communication with local health department including: monitor local emergency room traffic via, monitor local bed-availability; support local anti-viral supplies; continue public awareness campaign.
Merced	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza considered “local.” No DOC/EOC Activations. No proclamations.
	Priorities	MHOAC continues on-going communication with local health department including: monitor local emergency room traffic via, monitor local bed-availability; support local anti-viral supplies; continue public awareness campaign.
Tulare	Summary of OA Situation Report	Influenza considered “widespread”. No DOC/EOC activations. No proclamations.
	Priorities	MHOAC continues on-going communication with local health department including: monitor local emergency room traffic via, monitor local bed-availability; support local anti-viral supplies; continue public awareness campaign.

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Mutual Aid Region VI		
Imperial	Summary of OA Situation Report	Continuing to monitor influenza-like illnesses in the county's two hospitals on a daily basis. There is a "slight" increase in flu cases this week, compared to the previous week in both emergency departments and outpatient clinics. Some community clinic sites are seeing an increase in the number of individuals who are presenting with flu-like symptoms, where other sites are not experiencing an increase in patients with flu-like symptoms.
	Priorities	Enhanced situational awareness of the local healthcare system.
Inyo	Summary of OA Situation Report	Increase in positive flu tests, and in clinic visits, but well within capacity. There are no reports of a surge to the EMS system, no shortages of vaccine. Tamiflu supply is low, but adequate.
	Priorities	Enhanced situational awareness of any surge affecting the status of the local healthcare system.
Mono	Summary of OA Situation Report	There are no reports of a surge to the EMS system, no shortages of vaccine. Tamiflu supply is low, but adequate.
	Priorities	Enhanced situational awareness of any surge affecting the status of the local healthcare system.
Riverside	Summary of OA Situation Report	Seeing a slight increase in ILI activity.
	Priorities	Monitoring the situation through data and ongoing discussions with the medical/health system stakeholders.
San Bernardino	Summary of OA Situation Report	Bed delays continue but have gone down. Hospitals continue to hold admits in the emergency department due to lack of inpatient beds. No resource requests in a week.
	Priorities	Keeping the EMS system functioning as normally as possible. Monitor the system 24 hours a day and keep in contact with local and regional partners.
San Diego	Summary of OA Situation Report	468 Influenza detections reported for week 5: Elevated level. 10% ILI among emergency department visits: Elevated level.
	Priorities	Monitoring local hospital emergency department status, pre-hospital 911 off load delays and epidemiology influenza surveillance.

MHCC PUBLIC INFORMATION

FLU MEDIA INQUIRIES 2/3-2/5, 2014

Cathy Zhang, KSJO-FM (Chinese-language radio, San Jose)
 Esther Chapman, Western Health Advantage Magazine
 Michael Krasny, KQED-FM (San Francisco)
 Lisa Krieger, San Jose Mercury News
 Kristopher Skinner, West County Times